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Revd Jas Patton

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BY-LAWS,

OF THE

CORPORATION,

FOR

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THE CLERGY RESERVES,

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BY-LAWS,

Made, Ordained and Constituted, by the Corporation for Superintending, Managing and Conducting, the Clergy Reserves within the Province of Upper Canada, on Monday the twenty-fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord Christ, 1820.

Be it ordained by the Corporation for Superintending, Managing and Conducting, the Clergy Reserves within the Province of Upper Canada, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same—

First. **That the affairs of the said Corporation shall from time to time be conducted, governed and directed, by a Principal and twelve Directors, according to the several By-Laws which shall be made, ordained and constituted, for the welfare and good government of the said Corporation and the affairs thereof.**

Second. **That the Lord Bishop of Quebec shall be perpetual Principal and Director of the said Corporation and of the affairs thereof, without election or nomination.**

Third. That in the absence of the Lord Bishop, the Bishops Official, or the Rector of Niagara, or the Rector of York, shall preside at the Meetings of the said Corporation.

Fourth. That the Rectors of the several Parishes of Kingston, Niagara and York, Cornwall, Grimsby, Ancaster and Hamilton, (Newcastle District,) together with the Inspector and Surveyor General, shall in like manner be perpetual Directors of the said Corporation and of the affairs thereof, without election or nomination.

Fifth. That the remaining Directors shall be Members of the Corporation now holding, or who shall hereafter hold Benefices within the Province of Upper Canada; and shall be chosen and elected by the Members of the said Corporation at the times and in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

Sixth. That the Right Reverend Father in God Jacob, Lord Bishop of Quebec, of the Diocese of Quebec; the Rev. Official Stuart; the Rev. Doctor Addison Rector of Niagara; the Rev. Doctor Strachan Rector of York; the Rev. Salter Mountain Rector of Cornwall; the Rev. William Sampson Rector of Grimsby; the Rev. R. Leeming Rector of Ancaster, and the Rev.

William Macaulay Rector of Hamilton; the Inspector General of the Province; the Surveyor General of the Province, for the time being; the Rev. Richard Pollard Rector of Sandwich; the Rev Mr. Leeds Rector of Augusta, and the Rev. Mr. Weagant Rector of Williamsburg, shall be respectively the Principal and Directors; and shall be, and are hereby authorised and empowered, to take upon themselves the management, direction and government, of the whole affairs of the said Corporation, from the date of these By Laws until the first Tuesday in the month of February, which will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1823; and that any two or more of such Directors, with the Principal, shall be and constitue a quorum for the management, direction and government, of the affairs of the said Corporation in all matters and things, with power to meet and adjourn as they shall see fit; Provided nevertheless, that in the absence of the Principal not less than five Directors shall be a quorum, one of whom must be the Official, or the Rector of Niagara or York.

Seventh. That on the first Tuesday in the month of February, which will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1823, a General Meeting of

the Members of the said Corporation shall be held in some convenient place in the Town of York, at the hour of one in the afternoon; and that three Members of the said Corporation shall then and there be chosen and elected, by a majority of the Members of the said Corporation then and there present, to be Directors of the affairs of the said Corporation for and during three years, to be computed from the said first Tuesday in February in the same year 1828; on which day the three Directors so chosen and elected, with the Lord Bishop of Quebec; the Official; the Rector of Niagara; York; Cornwall and Grimsby; the Rev. R. Leeming Rector of Ancaster, and the Rector of Hamilton, with the Inspector and Surveyor Generals of the Province for the time being, shall enter upon the execution of their respective offices of Principal and Directors for the next ensuing three years; and such course of proceedings shall continue and be observed on every third year for ever; and the Principal and Directors who at any time shall enter, according to the provisions herein contained, upon the execution of their respective offices, shall during their continuance in such offices manage, direct and govern, the whole affairs of the said Corporation according to the

* That a Report of proceedings be published & every member of the Corporation be furnished with a Copy thereof -

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several By-Laws which shall be made, ordained and constituted, for the welfare and good government of the said Corporation and the affairs thereof; and any two or more of such Directors for the time being, with the Principal, shall be and constitute a quorum for the management, direction and government, of the affairs of the said Corporation in all matters and things, and shall have power to meet and adjourn as they shall see fit; Provided nevertheless, that in the absence of the Principal not less than five Directors shall be a quorum, one of whom must be the Official, or the Rector of Niagara or York.

Eighth. That the Principal, and two or more Directors for the time being, or in the absence of the said Principal, the Official, the Rector of Niagara or the Rector of York, shall hold four Meetings every year, at some convenient place in the Town of York, that is to say:—on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Wednesday of the month of February; the first Tuesday of the month of May; the first Tuesday of the month of August; and the first Tuesday of the month of November, yearly, with power to adjourn and to hold as many meetings besides these as shall be needful, either at the time of adjournment or at the times determined by the

calls of the Principal, or in his absence, of the Official, or the Rector of Niagara, or the Rector of York; and such Principal, or in his absence, the Official, or the Rector of Niagara, or the Rector of York, and Directors, shall have power, as often as they think proper, to call extraordinary meetings of the Members of the said Corporation, by an advertisement in the Kingston and York Gazettes, and at the same time by a Circular Letter from the Secretary; which advertisements shall be published during three successive weeks before the day which shall be fixed for such meeting; and the Acts of such extraordinary meetings so called, shall be as valid and effectual in every respect as those of the ordinary general meetings of the Members of the said Corporation, hereinafter provided for.

Ninth. That the Principal, or in his absence, the Official, or the Rector of Niagara, or the Rector of York, and Directors for the time being, shall nominate a Secretary and Receiver to the said Corporation, and such other persons as they shall judge necessary to be employed in the services of the said Corporation, and shall appoint to them respectively such salaries, fees or rewards, as they shall judge proper, and as

shall be approved by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person Administering the Government. That they shall have power at their pleasure to discharge the said Secretary and Receiver, and others employed as aforesaid, and to put others in their places, as they shall see cause. That the Secretary shall record the proceedings of the said Corporation, and of the said Principal, or in his absence, of the Official, or the Rector of Niagara or the Rector of York, and Directors; and that the Receiver shall receive and pay all monies which he shall be warranted to receive or pay by the Principal, or in his absence, the Official, the Rector of Niagara or the Rector of York, and Directors, from time to time, and of all such receipts and payments he shall be obliged to keep, and to produce regular accounts as often as he shall be required; and the Receiver shall also be obliged to give security for his fidelity in the discharge of his office to the satisfaction of the Principal and Directors.

Tenth. That the Members of the said Corporation shall meet annually at some convenient place in the Town of York, on Tuesday next succeeding the first Wednesday in February in each and every year, at one o'clock in the after-

× That every member be furnished with a Copy of the Charter & of the By Laws

noon. That the Members of the said Corporation who shall be so assembled, shall be, and shall constitute, an ordinary General Meeting of the said Corporation, and shall then and there have full power and authority to make and constitute such By-Laws, for the management and government of the said Corporation and the affairs thereof, as to them shall seem meet, according to the true intent and meaning of the Charter by which the said Corporation hath been constituted, and the Laws of the Province of Upper Canada.

Eleventh. That at such ordinary meetings, the Principal, or in his absence, the Official, the Rector of Niagara or the Rector of York, and Directors, shall cause to be laid before such ordinary general meetings, an account of the proceedings of them the said Principal or Official, or Rector of Niagara or Rector of York, and Directors, in the execution of their offices, together with a full and distinct statement of the Property and Estate of the said Corporation, in Land, Money, and other effects, if such there be.

Signed,

P. MAITLAND.

At a Meeting of the Rev. the Clergy Corporation on the 8th February, 1831, the following Resolution was moved by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and adopted :—

Resolved—That it being expedient that the By-Laws be revised and amended, and some additional By-Laws be adopted, a Committee of three persons be chosen for revising the present By-Laws, and suggesting such alterations in them, and additions to be made to them, as to such Committee shall seem fit, to be by them submitted to a General Meeting of the Board, next Summer; and that the Archdeacon of York, the Rev. A. N. Bethune, and the Rev. J. Miller. be appointed a Committee for this purpose; and that a copy of the present By-Laws be printed, and sent to each Clergyman of the Province, requesting such suggestions as may seem to them necessary for their improvement.

GEORGE H. MARKLAND.

Ist suggestion
1 That some better Mode be adopted of collecting the Rents of the Reserves